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## Request for Proposals Now Available for Teacher Professional Development Grants

SACRAMENTO — March 7, 2008 — A Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2008 Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) teacher professional development grants is now available for prospective applicants. The California Postsecondary Education Commission, which administers the program, has posted the RFP on its website at: <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/FederalPrograms/2008RFP.asp>.

Approximately eight million dollars will be awarded in targeted grants to public and private postsecondary education institutions in California to support partnerships that provide high-quality professional development to teachers in local school districts. The grants are funded through Title II-A of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Over 200 grants have been awarded totaling more than \$100 million in the two decades that the Commission has administered the program.

**Proposals for 2008 Improving Teacher Quality grants are limited to projects that help elementary school teachers address the *achievement gap* among their students.** Successful applicants will develop whole-school approaches to serving teachers, and must include the development of teacher leaders as a key component of their proposals. Successful applicants must also conduct scientifically based evaluation research to demonstrate the effects of the project on teaching practice, student achievement, and the gaps between student groups.

Further information may be found online at: <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/FederalPrograms/2008RFP.asp>.

For more information about the grant program, contact Karen Humphrey, Administrator, Improving Teacher Quality Program, 916-445-1504 or [khumphrey@cpec.ca.gov](mailto:khumphrey@cpec.ca.gov).

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